

The Providence Report

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presents the 10th Annual

Merrifield Fall festival at mosaic

Saturday October 18, 2014
11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Rain or Shine)

The Greater Merrifield Business Association welcomes residents to the 10th Annual Merrifield Fall Festival. Come enjoy a day filled with the sights and sounds of Merrifield and featuring family fun for all ages: sidewalk sale, live music, food, children's activities, a fire truck, train, face painting, pumpkin painting, local store and restaurant vendors. Plus learn about food safety, Lyme disease, and more from Fairfax County Environmental Health. Entry to the Festival is free. All events will be held at the Mosaic District, which is located at the corner of Gallows Road and Lee Highway in Merrifield.

A message from Supervisor Smyth

By all accounts, the highlight of this summer was the opening of the Silver Line on July 26. I had the pleasure of riding on the first Metro train to leave the Wiehle Station headed for Tysons. The subway cars were packed with excited passengers who had waited a long time for that day. Everyone was ready to celebrate and cheered as the train rounded the big curve in the track leading from the median of the Dulles Access Road to Route 7. It was definitely a day to remember.

We are looking forward to more openings in Providence in the next few months. In Merrifield, we are planning a ribbon cutting for new office space shared by the Arts Council of Fairfax County and the Fairfax Symphony. After that the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board will relocate mental health services from the Woodburn facility to the new Merrifield Center (see page 9 for more details). Finally my office is scheduled to move to the new Providence Community Center at the Vienna Metro Station in January. Stay tuned for our grand opening event early next year.

~Linda Smyth

TYSONS HARVEST FESTIVAL

Hosted by the Tysons Partnership & Capital One

When: Saturday and Sunday, October 18-19, 10am-6pm

Where: Lerner Town Square at Tysons II, adjacent to Silver Line Tysons Corner Station, 8025 Galleria Drive

Info: www.tysonsharvest.com or www.tysonspartnership.org

Lots of fun FREE activities for the whole family including: pumpkin princess pageant, craft corner, hay maze, Dr. Spooky's lab, kids candy walk, live music, fun photo ops, master pumpkin carvers demonstration.

Other fun activities that start at \$2: tasty food and drink, petting zoo, hay rides, face painting, pony rides, bouncy houses, pumpkin carving and painting, pumpkin bowling, pumpkin smash and pumpkin marketplace.



The **Virginia General Election** is Tuesday, November 4, 2014, and polls are open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm. The ballot will include elections for U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives (either the 8th or 11th Congressional District); a transportation bond and a state constitutional amendment. For additional information concerning the transportation bond visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2014/fairfax-greenlights-transportation-bond-for-roads.htm. For other information go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm.

Schedule for November 4, 2014 General Election

- Sept 19: In-Person Absentee Voting Begins (Fairfax County Government Center)
- Oct 14: Voter Registration Deadline - In-Person: 5:00 pm, Online: 11:59 pm, By Mail: Postmarked by 11:59 pm
- Oct 20: Last Day to Apply for an Absentee Ballot by Mail
- Nov 1: Final Day for In-Person Absentee Voting (until 5:00 pm)
- Nov 4: Absentee Ballot Return Deadline (7:00 pm)

Voter ID: Virginia law requires all voters to provide an acceptable form of photo identification (photo ID) at the polls. **Election officials cannot accept photo IDs that expired more than one year before Election Day.** Voters arriving at the polls without photo ID will be required to vote a provisional ballot and will have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of identification to their locality's electoral board in order for their provisional ballot to be counted. Virginia's photo ID requirements also apply to absentee voters who vote in-person. Any registered voter who does not possess one of the above mentioned forms of photo ID, may apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID Card will have to complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad. Once the application is processed, the card will be mailed directly to the voter. For additional information on acceptable forms of ID or the provisional ballot process, visit <http://sbe.virginia.gov/index.php/casting-a-ballot/in-person-voting/>.

Voting Equipment: The County has purchased a new integrated voting system, the most comprehensive replacement of the county's voting equipment in over a decade. As with the current equipment, voters will mark a paper ballot and place the ballot in the optical scan machine, which will electronically scan the ballot, record the votes, and inform the voter that their ballot has been cast. The new machines will also let the voters know if the ballot is blank or over voted (voted for more candidates than allowed in a contest). In addition to providing results when polls close, the new equipment provides a paper ballot for all voters, including those who need to use the new accessible equipment. There will also be a verified paper audit trail for every vote in case of a recount. To learn more about using these voting machines, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/voting Equip.htm or contact the Fairfax County Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 (TTY 711) or by email at voting@fairfaxcounty.gov. You may find times and locations to see the new equipment and get a free photo ID at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2014/2014-election-demo-locations.htm.

Where to Vote: You must vote at your designated polling location if not voting absentee. Your precinct name and location of your polling place is listed on your current voter registration card. The information is also available on the Virginia State Board of Elections website at www.sbe.virginia.gov.

Register to Vote: You are eligible to register to vote if you are a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age by the next general election and a resident of Virginia. You may **register to vote online**, at the Virginia State Board of Elections website at <https://www.vote.virginia.gov/>. You may **register in person**, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, and Thursday, 8:00 am - 7:00 pm at the Fairfax County Government Center, Fairfax County Office of Elections, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035. You may also **register by mail** by completing a Virginia Voter Registration Application. Applications are available at <http://sbe.virginia.gov/Files/Forms/VoterForms/VoterRegistrationApplication.pdf> and are also available at public libraries, Department of Motor Vehicles offices, Board of Supervisors offices, information desk in the County Government Center lobby, the Judicial Center information desk and other county government locations. Mail the completed and signed application to Fairfax County Office of Elections, P.O. Box 10161, Fairfax, VA 22038-8061.

PLEASE NOTE: According to law, first-time voters in Virginia who register by mail must vote in person (either on Election Day or Absentee In-Person) unless they are students, overseas citizens, citizens with a disability or illness or active duty members of the military or their dependents. Individuals registering by mail should submit along with the application either (1) a copy of a current and valid photo identification, or (2) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows the voter's name and address. For the online application process, you will need your Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) customer identifier number, which is printed at the top of your DMV-issued identification card or driver's license, your social security number and birth date. Fairfax County residents who do not have a Virginia DMV customer number or other required information may still fill out the registration application online, but will be required to print, sign and return the completed application to the Office of Election by mail: P.O. Box 10161, Fairfax, VA 22038. In person: Suite 323, Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

Voter registration applications are subject to review by the general registrar. After application approval, you will be mailed a voter registration card within 30 days. For additional information visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/vregis.htm or call 703-222-0776.

Change of name or address: To remain a registered voter, you must notify your local voter registration office of any change in your name or address. This must be done before the registration books close for the next election. You can submit your notice of change of name or address either by mail to the Fairfax County Office of Elections, P.O. Box 10161, Fairfax, VA, 22038-8061; by fax to 703-324-2205; or you can scan your notice of change, including your signature and email it to voting@fairfaxcounty.gov. In any case, the notice must include your signature to be valid. Notice cannot be made by telephone. Once it is processed, you will be mailed a new Voter Information Card. If a new card does not arrive within a few weeks, please call 703-222-0776 to confirm that your notice was received.

Absentee Voting: Fairfax County registered voters who will be away from Fairfax County on Election Day, or who are unable to go to the polls because of illness or disability, may vote by absentee ballot. Eligible voters may vote in-person prior to Election Day or apply to have an absentee ballot mailed to them. For more information on absentee voting, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm or call Office of Elections at 703-222-0776.



2014 Providence District VolunteerFest®

Supervisor Smyth is delighted to host the 2014 Providence District VolunteerFest® in conjunction with Volunteer Fairfax's countywide VolunteerFest® and National Make a Difference Day. The more than week-long 2014 Providence VolunteerFest® event includes:

10th Annual **Merrifield Fall Festival** on October 18, 11 am - 6 pm, District Avenue in Mosaic District - corner of Lee Highway and Gallows Road in Merrifield. The Greater Merrifield Business Association welcomes residents to enjoy a day filled with family fun for all ages. Plus learn about food safety, Lyme disease, and more from Fairfax County Environmental Health. For information go to www.greatermerrifield.org/MerrifieldFallFestival.html

Tyson's Harvest Festival on October 18 and 19, 11 am - 6 pm, Lerner Town Square at Tysons II, adjacent to the Silver Line Tysons Corner Station, 8025 Galleria Drive. For information go to www.tysonsharvest.com

All projects will take place on Saturday, October 25th, unless indicated otherwise.

- **Food Drive** - Supervisor Smyth's office and the Hunter Mill Country Day School collect for Food for Others. Non perishable food donations may be dropped off from October 1 - 31 at Supervisor Smyth's office anytime including weekends, 8739 Lee Highway, Fairfax - or Hunter Mill Country Day School, 2021 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna, 9 am - 6 pm weekdays only.
- **Book Sale** - Friends of Oakton Library three day Fall Used Book Sale at Oakton Library 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton, 22124, on October 16, 17, 18. Thursday 1 - 8 pm, Friday 10 am - 6 pm and Saturday 10 am - 3 pm.
- **Easy Readers** - A program for first and second grade boys who need reading reinforcement - Oakton Library. Prior registration is required to participate. For information or to volunteer contact Michael Lynch at easyreaders@gmail.com.
- **Oakton Community Park** - 1:30 - 2:30 pm 2841 Hunter Mill Road Oakton 22124. Weather permitting, horseback riding demonstration by Spirit Open Equestrian Program (sponsored by Fairfax4Horses).
- **Mini Golf** - Greater Merrifield Business Association (GMBA), Police Department and Park Authority host mentorship mini golf with selected Fairfax County Public School students from 9 - 11 am.
- **Neighborhood Park Projects** - Fairfax County Park Authority hosts Invasive Management Area site projects at Nottoway Park 9 am - 12 pm and Borg Street Park 10 am - 2 pm. and the next day, October 26, at Idylwood Park 9 - 11 am. Sign up at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resource-management/ima/ima-calendar.htm or RSVP to Erin.Stocksclaeder@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-8681, TTY711.
- **The Great Falls Group of the Sierra Club Hosts** - Clean up at Scotts Run behind Westgate Elementary School from 9 - 11 am. For directions and to volunteer, call Patricia Leslie at 202-316-0584.
- **Soldier Care Packages** - Join Troop Treats and James Lee Community Center, 2855-A Annandale Road, Falls Church. Packages for our soldiers serving abroad will be prepared from 10 am - 12 pm. To donate and/or volunteer go to www.trooptreats.com or call Germaine Broussard at 703-608-4609. Hot dogs and chips served after packing.
- **Event Promotions** - The Providence Players at James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855-A James Lee Street, Falls Church, are helping to promote VolunteerFest®. Their season opens with "Of Mice and Men," an American classic set during the Great Depression, which runs from October 3 - 18. For a schedule of performances see www.providenceplayers.org.

Supervisor Smyth and the 2014 Providence District VolunteerFest® Committee invite all residents to participate in this year's activities. More information is available on the 2014 VolunteerFest® website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/events.htm or by calling 703-560-6946, TTY 711 and on the Volunteer Fairfax website at www.volunteerfairfax.org/non-profits/volunteerfest.php or by calling Jessica Warren, 703 246-3533, TTY 711.



Lord and Lady Fairfax 2014

Each year, Celebrate Fairfax! and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors partner to honor extraordinary community leaders and volunteers in each magisterial district – they are the Lords and Ladies Fairfax. The two outstanding volunteers and community leaders for 2014 are probably well known to many of you. They have both been very visible for many years and while both recently retired, they remain very active. The 2014 Lord and Lady Fairfax for the Providence District are **Jim Scott and Merni Fitzgerald**.

Until her retirement this year, Merni Fitzgerald was Fairfax County's Director and official source of public information. For 14 years she led with a tireless dedication and commitment providing 24/7 public relations advice and consultation to the media, government leaders and residents. She guided Fairfax communications through the exploding growth of the Internet and social media, 24-hour news cycles, and the regional aftershocks of 9/11. She successfully found new ways to increase flexibility in providing this information including Facebook and tweets.

Jim was drawn to public office by his interest in expanding affordable housing in the metro area. He served on the Board of Supervisors from 1972-86. We have him to thank for the School Age Child Care program (SACC), creation of the County's Commission on the Handicapped and urging adoption of the Fairfax County Human Rights Ordinance. In 1992, Jim was elected to serve in the House of Delegates and was returned to that position until he retired last year. In addition to introducing legislation that created the Office of Secretary of Technology in Virginia, he made progress in the areas of affordable housing, public education, transportation, health care and human rights and will continue to champion those passions in retirement.

FIRST PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON PROPOSED RUCKSTUHL PARK

The first master plan meeting for the proposed Ruckstuhl Park was held by the Park Authority on July 30 at Lemon Road Elementary School. The park property is on 7 acres located on Idylwood Road between Gallows Road and Route 7 and was received by the Park Authority from the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust. The master plan meeting began with the project background and conceptual development plan followed by open discussion. The meeting was well attended by neighboring residents who offered a number of positive and constructive comments on the desired character and features of the park. The Park Authority invites further comments and suggestions for the future of Ruckstuhl Park, which may be submitted by phone: 703-324-8755; by email at parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov; or by mail: Andy Galusha, Park Planning Branch, Planning & Development Division, FCPA, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax, VA 22035. A project web page has been set up to keep citizens informed of the project's status: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/ruckstuhl.htm.

IMA HABITAT RESTORATION AT NOTTOWAY

Take back the forest! Dig in and get involved with native habitat restoration in the Nottoway Park woodlands. Help *remove* invasive plants and *replant* native species. Students and scouts earn community service hours. Groups and scout projects are welcome.

Dates, More Information & Volunteer Sign Up: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/IMA/ or call 703-324-8681.

CHANGE IN SERVICES AT SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICES

Beginning August 1, Social Security will no longer issue Social Security number print-outs in their field offices. Individuals who need proof of their Social Security number and cannot find their card will need to apply for a replacement card. Additionally, beginning in October, 2014, offices will stop providing benefit verification letters, except in emergency situations. To obtain this information you will need to create a Social Security account online at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount or call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Save the Date for the Sixth Annual *A Library Jubilee!*

Fairfax Library Foundation will be hosting the 6th annual *A Library Jubilee! Celebrating 75 Years of Fairfax County Public Library Service*. on October 18, 2014 from 5:00 – 8:30 PM at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. We invite you to join us in celebration of Fairfax County Public Library at our largest fundraising event of the year.

Even if you can't attend *A Library Jubilee!*, you can still help make this year's Jubilee successful by donating or sponsoring the event. To purchase tickets, donate, or become a sponsor, please fill out and return the form at www.FairfaxLibraryFoundation.org.

You are Invited to Attend

A Library Jubilee!

Celebrating 75 years of
Fairfax County Public Library Service



**Saturday, October 18, 2014
5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

City of Fairfax Regional Library
10360 North Street
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

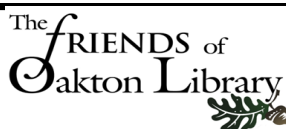
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Net proceeds will support Fairfax County
Public Library Programs and Services.



FRIENDS OF OAKTON LIBRARY FALL 2014 BOOK SALE

Oakton Library

10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton 22124

Thursday, October 16th from 1 to 8 pm

Friday, October 17th from 10 am to 6 pm

Saturday, October 18th from 10 am to 3 pm

Book Sales to Benefit the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library

7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22043

Saturday, October 4 from 10 am to 4 pm

Sunday, October 5, Bag Sale/Clearance from 1 - 4 pm

Saturday, December 6 from 10 am to 4 pm

Sunday, December 7, Bag Sale/Clearance from 1 - 4 pm

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library
Large selection of books, magazines and media for
adults and children. TysonLibraryFriends@gmail.com
703-790-4031

Older Adult Services and Information

Fairfax County offers a wide range of services and offers information on a multitude of topics for older adults. To learn more about county services, recreation and wellness, community engagement and connections, please visit the website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/. You may also sign up for free e-newsletter subscriptions at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/e-newsletter-subscribe.htm for the following publications:

- Fairfax 50+ E-News - news and events for residents 50+
- Golden Gazette - a monthly newspaper for older adults
- Caregiver's Corner Online - Fairfax County's e-newsletter just for caregivers
- Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Update - issues and concerns e-newsletter

Recently the county began a volunteer IT On-Call program for residents age 60 or older to assist with technology problems. You may call 703-324-7948 and request the Volunteer IT On-Call services. The person on the phone will ask questions to determine if a volunteer may be able to help. If so, a volunteer should be able to call or visit your home within a week. The volunteers do not handle complex problems and cannot repair computers or other devices.

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna also offers free services for individuals 50+ including medical and companion transportation; downsizing/de-cluttering planning assistance; friendly callers and visitors; respite care, caregivers support group, handy-helpers; health advocacy. They also have a new "Geek Squad" who may be able to assist with simple services such as connecting printers, setting up email accounts and other software issues. You may call their office at 703-281-0538 for information on these services or to let them know if you would be able to volunteer.

ServiceSource Moves to Providence

On June 26th ServiceSource hosted a renovation kick-off and ribbon cutting for the National Capital Area Disability Resource Center on White Granite Drive in Oakton (pictured to the right). ServiceSource (ServiceSource.org) was established in 1971 and is a leading nonprofit disability resource organization serving more than 15,700 people with disabilities in nine states through a range of innovative and valued employment, training, habilitation, housing and other support services. ServiceSource directly employs more than 1,500 individuals with disabilities, making it one of the largest employers of people with disabilities nationwide.



Demand for services in the area has grown substantially in recent years. To address this need, ServiceSource has launched a five-year, \$15 million Capital Campaign to create the National Capital Area Disability Resource Center (DRC.)

The DRC is the first of its kind community resource center in the National Capital Area for providing services for people with disabilities and their families in the region. Once completed, it will become the new headquarters of ServiceSource and house programs such as a one-stop employment center, job training, independent living skills center, assistive technology center, health & wellness center and more.

The National Capital Area Disability Resource Center in Oakton will house several new programs:

- Education and Disability Employment Institute—a multi-faceted educational and activities based program that provides computer-skills training, employment training and innovative entrepreneurial activities along with health and wellness fitness programs, and creative arts.
- One-stop Employment Resource Center—drop-in job placement center where individuals seeking employment have access to online databases and job support guidance in seeking employment with third-party employers. Job programs are tailored to meet the specific needs of individuals with disabilities, including those with autism spectrum disorders, and veterans who have disabilities through ServiceSource's Warrior Bridge program.
- Community Services Suite—designed to be a resource drop-in center for individuals, family members and the community at large. One such resource is ServiceSource's Family Support Net program that provides direct supports and information sharing for individuals with disabilities and their caregivers.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING NEWS

No more waiting for special electronics recycling events! Starting on July 1, county residents can e-cycle unwanted electronics any day of the week at both the I-66 Transfer Station and the I-95 Landfill Complex. Acceptable materials include computers (and related equipment), televisions, gaming systems, stereos, and other household electronic devices and cables. There are no fees associated with this service; however, customers may be required to show proof of residency. Residents living in Sanitary Districts who receive waste and recyclables collection from the county will be able to use one of the five annual special pick-ups for collection of e-waste at the curb.

I-66 Transfer Station

4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22035

Hours: Monday - Saturday: 8 am to 4 pm; Sunday: 9 am to 4 pm.

I-95 Landfill Complex

9850 Furnace Road, Lorton, VA 22079

Daily Hours: 8 am to 4 pm.

The county also conducts one secure document shredding event in each supervisory district per calendar year. For the schedule, call 703-324-5230, TTY 711 or check out www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/shredding.htm.

Suicide Prevention Tools

Online suicide prevention training: Free, interactive, evidence-based training, takes only an hour to do. More information about the training is at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb/at-risk/.

Suicide prevention text hotline: Text "Need help" to 703-940-0888.

Anyone in our community, all ages can text their concerns to CrisisLink for prompt response, counsel and referral. Information about the new text line is posted on the website at <http://crisislink.org/>.



New Moped Safety Law

Virginia law requires mopeds operated on Virginia roadways to be titled and registered by July 1, 2014. DMV will issue one license plate per moped to be placed on the rear of the vehicle. If a moped is operated in excess of 35 mph, it is considered a motorcycle. You would be required to comply with all vehicle registration, insurance and inspection requirements, and driver licensing laws. Additional moped

titling and registration information can be found in the "Mopeds in Virginia" brochure at www.dmvnow.com/webdoc/pdf/dmv264.pdf or on the DMV website at www.dmvnow.com/vehicles/#moped.html.



Help Protect Your Neighborhood: Report Crimes Online with New, Updated System.

Whether it's a suspicious person trolling the neighborhood, a mailbox that's been vandalized, or a stolen bicycle, all crimes matter to police. Online reporting is the quickest, most convenient way of documenting incidents. Although the police department has had online reporting capacity for almost a decade, a new more user-friendly system was installed in December, 2013. Police remind residents that no crime is too insignificant to report and that often these figures and incidents are used by crime analysts to detect trends and insert proactive, preventive measures. Residents may use the system to report crimes at any time. They will be notified of a report number and may use it for insurance purposes. If appropriate, an officer will notify and/or respond to the complainant. Report the following non-emergency crimes/incidents through the website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/reportcrime/: bicycle theft, larceny/theft under \$5,000, telephone harassment/threats, trespassing, lost property, civil disputes, unoccupied hit & run crashes, solicitor violations, destruction of private property/vandalism, larceny/theft from motor vehicles or parts, and suspicious persons/vehicles.

The Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) Public Information Office (PIO) is dedicated to keeping the community informed of public safety events in a timely and accurate manner. Communication with the public is a priority of the FCPD. The PIO welcomes calls, emails and questions from the public. Open dialogue with residents is a key factor in keeping Fairfax County a safe and pleasant place to work and live. Please sign up to follow the FCPD blog at: <http://fcpdnews.wordpress.com/> or follow us on Twitter @fairfaxpolice. When you are subscribed to the blog, you will receive an email with a link notifying you that new information is available on the blog.

Important Notice

As of October 1, 2014, the Community Emergency Alert Network (CEAN) is ending and being replaced by Fairfax Alerts. If you wish to continue receiving emergency alerts from Fairfax County, please go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/alerts to register.



C.A.R.E. - Call before you dig. Allow time for marking. Respect the marks. Excavate carefully.

Everyone, including homeowners, should always contact Miss Utility at least two full business days, excluding weekends and holidays, before you are scheduled to begin any digging, regardless of size or depth. This includes general digging, gardening, landscaping, home improvements and/or major constructions, excavation or demolition. When using mechanized equipment, it is required by law to call Miss Utility at 811 before digging. Do not begin digging until the lines have been marked or confirmed as "no conflict." By having the utilities identified in advance, you can help avoid serious injury and even fatalities, as well as property damage and significant expense that can occur when underground utilities are damaged. Remember, even if your project is small, it's always best to call. It's a free service!

The markings made by Miss Utility often raise questions or concerns with homeowners who are trying to determine why there are utility paint markings in their yard or neighborhood. If you see utility markings in your neighborhood, you can identify existing requests for service at the Miss Utility website by clicking on Tickets. To request service or check other requested service, go to www.va811.com/ or dial 811.

Land Use Updates

Tysons Plan Implementation

As you probably know the long planned first phase of the Metro Silver Line has opened. This crucial transportation investment is the lynchpin of the transformation in Tysons. The Tysons Plan focuses 75 percent of future development within a half mile of the four new Metro stations in Tysons with up to 100,000 residents and 200,000 jobs by 2050. For more details about the plan please visit the website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons/. To review approved and pending Tysons rezoning applications please visit: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons/development/.

Macerich, the owner of **Tysons Corner Center Mall**, has opened their new 1.5 acre outdoor plaza. The plaza will accommodate regularly scheduled and seasonal events. The plaza features several differentiated passive and active outdoor spaces. Outdoor seating for new restaurants flanks the plaza. The elevated plaza connects the mall to the Tysons Corner Silver Line Station and also anchors three new buildings including Tysons Tower, a 22 story 524,000 sq. ft. office building; a 300 room Hyatt Regency Hotel; and a 30 story, 429 unit luxury apartment building. It is anticipated that the plaza will become an active gathering place for residents, visitors, workers, mall shoppers and Silver Line commuters.



At the Tysons Greensboro Metro Station, NV Commercial plans to open an interim **pop-up retail and restaurant space** this fall. The pop-up retailers and food purveyors will be located in several retrofitted shipping containers arranged to create an activated outdoor space immediately adjacent to the north entrance to the Greensboro Metro Station. The area was a Metro construction staging area. The pop-up will remain in operation until NV moves forward to develop the area with a mix of office, residential, and ground floor retail.

The Park Authority, Department of Planning and Zoning and the Office of Community Revitalization have been engaged in an effort to develop a comprehensive park system master plan for Tysons. The Tysons Park System Master Plan will complement and refine the existing Tysons Corner Urban Center Plan in the Comprehensive Plan. Refinements to the Tysons Park System Plan will provide more detail during the review of redevelopment proposals to ensure that the right park types are planned in the right locations. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons/facilities/ and www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/tysons-park-planning.htm.

Vienna/Fairfax Metro Updates

Construction of the **new county community center**, located just south of the Vienna/Fairfax Metro station off of Vaden Drive and immediately west of the MetroWest project, will be completed at the end of this year and will open in early 2015. The new center is a proffered improvement approved with the MetroWest development. It will include a full gym with associated facilities, meeting space and other recreational facilities in addition to a new Providence District Supervisor's office. Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services is actively seeking citizen input as they plan activities for the facility to meet community needs. They are also looking to partner with local organizations to enhance program offerings. To provide input or explore partnering opportunities, please contact Chris Scales at 703-787-4990, TTY 711.

Construction of the MetroWest project continues to move forward. Pulte has started construction of five four story residential condo buildings (160 units) with underground parking and elevator service. Clark Realty, the owner of the higher density portions of the *MetroWest* development, has indicated that they will soon be submitting to the county building plans and interim plaza designs for the first residential high rise building.

Merrifield Updates

Three mixed use projects in Merrifield are currently under construction:

The developer of **Halstead Square** mixed use project, DFS Group, is constructing their fourth and final 200 unit residential building with 2,500 sq. ft. of retail space. The development, located south of the Dunn Loring/Merrifield Metro Station on Halstead Square Road and Gallows Road, will include 1,150 apartment units with over 100,000 sq. ft. of ground floor retail space when the last building is completed in 2015.

Mill Creek Residential, developer of **Avenir Place**, the 15-acre **mixed-use redevelopment of the Dunn Loring Metro Station**, is constructing the second and final phase of the new WMATA parking garage and the second residential building. This second phase includes 373 more apartments, a Harris-Teeter grocery store and ground floor retail space. The residential and the retail components are anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2015. The nearly completed 2,000 WMATA parking garage will replace the previous 1,300 surface parking spaces and will provide new covered bus bays, separated kiss and ride facilities and improved pedestrian and vehicular accesses and plaza amenities. Temporary circulation patterns at the station that commuters have endured for several years are being eliminated with the phased opening of the new pedestrian, kiss and ride, and bus facilities.

Edens, the developer of the **Mosaic District in Merrifield**, has opened more retail stores and restaurants. The first phase of the development fronting Lee Highway included an urban Target store, hotel, grocery store, ground floor retail, restaurant space, a new movie theater and a one acre urban park. The second phase is proceeding. EYA will be building 25 more townhomes, replacing an industrial scrap yard and adding to the 120 townhomes already constructed. Avalon Mosaic is leasing their 531 unit apartment buildings above 40,000 sq. ft. of ground floor retail space. Mill Creek is currently constructing 252 units in two multifamily buildings with 60,000 sq. ft. of ground floor retail space adjacent to the movie theater.

The Arts Council and the Fairfax Symphony offices are moving to Merrifield!

Their shared new home fronts on Prosperity Ave, just west of the Dunn Loring-Merrifield Metro Station. The proffered office space adjoins the ground floor of the parking garage of the 11 story Prosperity Flats apartment building at 2704 Dorr Ave.

New “ Merrifield Center”

The new community services building, located at the corner of Willow Oaks and Williams Drive, will be ready for occupancy in January. The new building will replace the Woodburn Center and will house the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board’s emergency and crisis stabilization services as well as outpatient services and supports, intensive case management, psychiatric services, medication management, and wellness and health promotion services.

Greater Hillwood Development Updates

Redevelopment of the 19 acre Hillwood Square Cooperative located on Cherry Street is moving forward. The developer, Avalon Bay, has demolished the 160 unit housing cooperative and is constructing infrastructure for 384 new units or a net increase of 224 units. The density of the project was reduced by 77 units and will now incorporate rental townhomes and a clubhouse with more open space. The units facing Cherry Street will be built first. This phasing will insulate Cherry Street from construction internal to the site. The project will be finished in the second quarter of 2016.

The 8 story 160 room **Hampton Inn Seven Corners** hotel is under construction. The hotel, located off of Rt. 50 (service drive) and South Street, was approved in 1970 and permitted a building with 182 rooms and 20’ more height. The hotel will have an indoor pool and will be accessed from the Route 50 service drive with no direct access to South Street. The hotel will open at the end of March 2015.

Immediately adjacent to the Hampton Inn, **JBGR will develop a tiered 3 to 5 story 174 unit apartment building**, with 14 attached townhomes facing South Street and 14,000 sq. ft. of retail and service uses fronting on Rt. 50. Construction is anticipated to begin later this year. The previous zoning approvals from 1970 could have accommodated a third thirteen story office building, similar to the two existing office Buildings at Rt. 50, South Street and Hillwood Avenue.



In 2013, the Board of Supervisors adopted a new approach to Comprehensive Plan review and community engagement called Fairfax Forward. The effort replaces the Area Plans Review cycle. In general, the new approach seeks to expand public participation and stakeholder collaboration in planning activities; allows for a more systematic, geographically logical review of the Comprehensive Plan; provides a more focused approach to future planning studies; and emphasizes plan monitoring and maintenance.

The Fairfax Center Area Study is a multi-phase planning study to examine current recommendations and existing conditions within the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan. The first phase reviewing the periphery of the Fairfax Center area generally covers the Penderbrook and Fairfax Farms areas in Providence. Publication of Phase I staff report with final staff recommendations will be available September 4, 2014. A Phase I Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for September 18, 2014, and a Board of Supervisors public hearing on October 28, 2014.

Phase II of the Fairfax Center Study will start in November or December, 2014 and will include the formation of an area wide task force to review proposed plan changes in Phase II.

Planning staff is initiating work on an **implementation update for the Merrifield Suburban Center**. Since the adoption of the Merrifield Suburban Center plan language in 2001, several large scale development and road improvement projects have been initiated or completed. The implementation update will primarily reflect these approved projects in the existing maps and any corresponding text, as well as other minor editorial changes. Current plan recommendations are not intended to change with this update.

Please use the following links to obtain more information about the new Fairfax Forward planning process: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/fairfaxforward/. To see the Fairfax Center Area Study: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/fairfaxcenter/about.htm. Providence District updates: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/fairfaxcenter/comment_summary_-_providence.pdf and www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/merrifield/.

If you have any land use questions, please contact my aide, Michael Wing, at 703-560-6946.

To review the status of other pending zoning applications in Providence, utilize the following links: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/>. Residents can also review pending applications using an interactive map: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/staffreports/activecasesmap/.



The Silver Line is finally here!

The Silver Line is finally open and there are 10 things to know about the Silver Line which can be found on Fairfax County's webpage at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2014/10-things-to-know-silver-line.htm. The first phase of Metrorail extension now connects Tysons and Reston. Four stops have been added to the Tysons area and one in Reston. The Silver Line will have the same hours as the rest of Metrorail. At rush hours, trains will arrive every 6 minutes. At off-peak times and weekends, trains will arrive every 12-15 minutes – the same as other lines.

- Monday-Thursday, 5:00 am to midnight
- Friday, 5:00 am to 3:00 am (Saturday)
- Saturday, 7:00 am to 3:00 am (Sunday)
- Sunday, 7:00 am to midnight

You can plan your trip using Metro's trip planning webpage, <http://wmata.com/tripplanner>, which will provide you with bus and rail service options.



VDOT has launched a new interactive portal, www.virginiaroads.org, which will provide users with a single website

for information on VDOT's projects. An important feature of this new portal is interactive maps showing current and planned road construction projects included in the Six-Year Improvement Program as well as pavement conditions and resurfacing projects. Along with being able to view VDOT projects, you will also be able to see snow plow maps, bicycling maps, city maps and other state information.

VDOT handles the salting and plowing of all state maintained roads. To report hazardous road conditions or for any questions you may have, please call 1-800-FOR-ROAD. As a reminder VDOT will only begin to plow after 2 inches of precipitation has fallen. To check on road conditions in your area, you can call 511 or visit www.511Virginia.org. To find out the status of plowing in your neighborhood, visit www.vdotplows.org and enter your address.

I-66 Update

The Virginia Department of Transportation and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) have been working on a project to help alleviate congestion on a 25 mile stretch of I-66, from Route 15 in Haymarket to I-495 in Fairfax. They have been looking for improvements that will help move traffic and people more efficiently. July kicked off their Tier 2 Environmental Assessment. This study will look at concepts that were advanced during the Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement. Concepts that were advanced include: two express lanes, three regular lanes, rapid bus service, as well as other safety improvements. This assessment will look at specific locations for the potential effects the proposed improvements would have on air quality, noise, neighborhoods, parks, recreation areas, historic properties, as well as wetlands and streams. VDOT's hope is that by 2016 the environmental work will be completed, funding sources will be identified, as well as being able to obtain federal approval so construction could begin as early as 2017.

All documents as well as meeting materials can be found on VDOT's webpage at www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/i66_eis.asp. If you have any questions you can contact VDOT at 1-800-FOR-ROAD or the Tier 2 Study Manager Susan Shaw at susan.shaw@vdot.virginia.gov. If your community association is interested in a briefing about the I-66 improvements, VDOT's project team can be available for meetings. Please contact our office for help with arrangements by calling 703-560-6946 or by emailing provdist@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Fairfax County Department of Transportation's New Interactive Web Map

Fairfax County Department of Transportation has introduced a new tool to allow residents to make pedestrian safety requests. The new interactive map will let you find a location and then input a request such as sidewalks, crosswalks, improved signage, etc. On the map you will also be able to see where other improvements have been suggested. Please visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/pedestrian/map.htm to submit your request. The webpage also features a step by step guide on using the new interactive map. If you have any questions please call Fairfax County Department of Transportation at 703-877-5600.



Fall Update from Providence School Board Member Patricia Reed

Welcome to a new school year! On Tuesday, September 2nd, we opened our doors to more than 186,000 students. It is our fifteenth consecutive year of increased enrollment, making Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) officially the nation's tenth largest school system. With this continued growth, we are witnessing an increase in the number of students whose circumstances require additional support and services from our schools. While we are thrilled to have so many learners in our schools, we face significant fiscal challenges to meet their needs.

Finance This year, as Chairman of the School Board's Budget Committee, I will build on the positive foundation we established last year – one of collaboration and transparency in our budget process. In addition, I am a member of the Joint Budget Development Committee (consisting of three members and one alternate from the School Board and the Board of Supervisors, including Co-Chair Linda Smyth). I will work with my colleagues to establish a multi-year planning and budgeting process based on FCPS and county strategic priorities. With the increasing need for services from our students and county residents, it's imperative that our Boards work together to maximize our finite resources and to focus our efforts.

Students The School Board and Superintendent share a commitment to meeting the needs of the whole child -- academic achievement of course, but also our children's physical and emotional well-being. This year, we implemented several significant initiatives to support that goal, including:

Full-day Mondays The School Board voted to end elementary early release Monday's beginning this school year. The new schedule provides additional instructional and recess time for students and guaranteed planning time for teachers. It also relieves many parents' burden to find child care for Monday afternoons. By eliminating the early-close Mondays, FCPS can meet a 990-hour school year requirement instead of the state's 180-day requirement. This change positively impacts our students by building inclement weather days into the standard calendar. FCPS will not have to add make-up days to the end of the school year, if fewer than 13 school days are missed throughout the year. The standard school year calendar also includes a two-week long winter break, a weeklong spring break, and student and federal holidays. For detailed information, visit: [School Year Calendar 2014-15](#)

Nutrition This year, all FCPS high schools will have self-serve fresh fruit and vegetable "zones" (FFVZs) offering a selection of different fruits and vegetables each week as well as salads and wraps. A phased installation of FFVZs in middle schools is underway and will be completed by the end of the school year. In addition, regular soda vending machines will be removed from our high schools and replaced with new machines offering a variety of healthier beverage options; all soda machines will be removed from middle schools.

Updates to Student Rights and Responsibilities Several updates to Student Rights and Responsibilities (SR&R) take effect during the 2014-15 school year. These include reductions in the offenses carrying mandated consequences and time spent out of school. Details are available [online](#) and in the [SR&R booklet](#).

Later High School Start Times In October, the School Board is scheduled to vote on a high school start time shift to take effect in the 2015-16 school year. In general, the option which received the most support recommends moving the high school bell schedules about an hour later, adjusting middle school schedules slightly earlier, and maintaining most of the existing elementary schedules. The School Board established a goal of later high school start times in April 2012. Since then, we contracted with the Children's National Medical Center to educate the public on this critical issue, to present options, and solicit feedback. We are grateful to all community members who provided input, as well as stakeholders who rolled up their sleeves to help us find cost-conscious, win-win solutions with minimal negative impact.

I hope to see many of you during school and community events, and I always welcome your comments and suggestions by email patty.reed@fcps.edu or phone at 571-423-1084.

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Must-Have Phone Numbers

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Telephone: 703-560-6946 / Fax: 703-207-3541 / TTY: 711

Adult Protective Services: 703-324-7450/ Child Protective Services: 703-324-7400

Suicide Crisis Hotline: (703) 527-4077 Rape Crisis Hotline: 703-360-7273

Adult Education	703-658-1201	Alcohol/drug abuse services	703-359-7040
Animal Control	703-691-2131	Child Care	703-324-8100
Consumer Affairs	703-222-8435	Circuit Courts	703-691-7320
Dept. of Motor Vehicles	804-497-7100	I-66 Disposal Sites	703-631-1179
Emergency	911	Fastran	703-222-9764
Fire/rescue (non-emergency)	703-691-2131	Zoning Violations	703-324-1300
Human Services	703-222-0880	Library, Oakton	703-242-4020
Park Authority	703-324-8700	Police (non-emergency)	703-691-2131
Tax Information	703-222-8234	Recreation Classes	703-324-5514
Recycling InfoLine	703-324-5052	School-Age Child Care Program (SACC)	703-449-8989
School Board	571-423-1075	Senior Citizen Information	703-324-7948
Traffic Tickets	703-246-3764	Trash Pick-up	703-802-3322
VDOT	800-367-7623	Voting Information	703-222-0776

Please call 703-FAIRFAX (703-324-7329), TTY 711 for other county related information.

Copies of the 2007 Providence Resource Directory are available by calling the Providence District Supervisor's office and are also available on the Providence District Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Prov_News.htm ▪

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